**Theorem** $g:(\mathbb{R}^3,0)\to(\mathbb{R}^2,0)$ generic

$\Rightarrow$ Algebraic number of cusps of a stable perturbation $\tilde{g}$ of $g$ is an invariant of the topological $\mathcal{A}_+$-equiv. class of $g$.

## Idea for the Proof

(1) Express the # of cusps of $\tilde{g}$ in terms of the sing. fibers of $g_3$

(2) Show the cob. invariance of the quantity obtained in (1)